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Applicants

: Harold R. Blomquist

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PROCESS FOR PREPARING FREE-FLOWING PARTICULATE PHASE STABILIZED AMMONIUM NITRATE

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Examiner

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2003. The response date set in the Office Action was October 1, 2003. A response is being filed herewith today, December 1, 2003, which is within the second month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00, which is the fee for a two month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by two (2) months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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